

Entry topics for the 2026 MPA H&S Awards

Aggregates, Asphalt, Cement, Contracting, Dimension Stone, Lime, Masonry, Mortar, Precast Concrete, Ready Mix, Recycling, Silica Sand and Transport

Please review these topics and consider under which topic your entry should be submitted. The short descriptions provide an indication of type of activities or initiatives that judges would expect to see submitted under this heading. Please contact entries@mpahsawards.org should you wish to discuss your topic selection or need further advice. Please note that all entries from **MPA or Eurobitume Members** will automatically be entered for **The Fatal 6' Award** and **Eurobitume Trophy** if relevant.

1. Safer production



This section covers **extraction, manufacturing and processing**. An entry that describes a new innovation, engineering solution, system, control measure, change in a process/procedure, warning system or training programme that has made manufacturing or processing safer. This covers all activities involved in creating products e.g. from preparing for blast at a quarry to the manufacture of precast products.

Note: This section would also include **investments in new plant**.

2. Safer maintenance and housekeeping



An entry that covers all aspects of maintenance or housekeeping across all product groups. E.g. this category would cover safer methods of carrying out a maintenance process, cleaning or an innovation that made a maintenance process unnecessary.

Note: This might include a major shutdown or refit.

3. Safer management of pedestrians and transport on-site



An entry that relates to the safer management of people (employees, contractors, suppliers, customers and members of the public) and vehicles on-site. This could include site inductions, traffic management, pedestrian zones and control systems around an UK member operated site.

4. Safer transport and logistics



An entry that relates to the safer transportation and handling of materials in the mineral products industry. This would include training of hauliers, safety devices on vehicles, the lifting and storage of materials, measures to improve the safety of other road users, cars, vans, rail and waterborne transport.

This topic also covers the **unloading, storage and delivery of materials to a site such as bitumen, chemicals, explosives, fuel, aggregates, cement, readymix, coated stone and precast products**.

NB. This could include product testing.

5. Safer operations at a contracting/laying asphalt, construction or customer site



This section relates to activities such as contracting, laying asphalt and installation of precast concrete.

This would include activities such as **new road construction, on-highway maintenance**, the pouring of **readymix concrete**, the **installation of precast products** such as flooring, pipes, staircases, and other similar tasks undertaken at a construction site.

6. Safer through improvements in health and wellbeing



An entry that relates to initiatives that improve the health and well-being of people, this could be at a **specific site, within a division, or a company-wide** initiative.

This could include management of **mental health, diet, medicals**, or the mitigation of hazards such as **RCS and dust, chemicals and HAVs** if not more appropriately covered in an earlier topic.

7. Safer together



An entry where the main emphasis is on working together, leadership or behavioral change. It might include training programmes, safety days, communication programmes, cross site safety audits or similar initiatives. These entries could be **site-specific, relate to a division or be a company-wide** initiative.

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